

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include new Fig. 5(b), which shows adders between delayed elements as suggested in the Final Office Action. The original Fig. 5 is now labeled as Fig. 5(a). In addition, Fig. 6 is now placed on page 6 of the drawings.

Attachments: Replacement sheets (2 sheets);

Annotated sheets showing changes (2 sheets).

REMARKS

Claims 14 to 21 are in the case. Claims 1 to 13 were canceled without prejudice. Claims 14 to 20 were allowed. By this Amendment, applicants amended the abstract and claims 14 to 21 to remove informalities as the Examiner suggested in order to advance the prosecution of the subject application. In addition, applicants amended the drawings and the disclosure to include Fig. 5(b) showing the adders between delay elements as the Examiner suggested. The "Brief Description of the Drawings" in the disclosure was also amended to include descriptions of Figs. 3(a) - 3(c), Figs. 4(a) - 4(b), Figs. 5(a) - 5(b), and Figs. 12(a) - 12(b). None of the above amendments narrows the scope of the claimed invention. Reconsideration of the subject application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is hereby respectfully requested.

In the first paragraph of the Final Office Action, the Examiner suggested a summing means or adder be shown in the drawings between the delay elements. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for such suggestion and accordingly amended the drawings to include Fig. 5b showing such adders. The original Fig. 5 is now labeled as Fig. 5a. The changes to the drawings are shown in the attached replacement sheets and annotated sheets. The Examiner is respectfully requested to approve such changes to the drawings.

The specification was objected to for reasons set forth on page 2 of the Office Action. In response, applicants wish to thank the examiner for pointing out the informalities in the abstract, which informalities are believed to have been addressed in the applicants' amendment to the abstract. Therefore, applicants respectfully submit that the subject objection is overcome and request that the Examiner withdraw the same.

Claims 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, and 21 were objected to for reasons set forth on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action. In response, applicants again thank the examiner for pointing out the informalities in the claims, which informalities are believed to have been addressed in the applicants' amendments to the claims. Therefore, applicants respectfully submit that the subject objection is overcome and request that the subject objections be withdrawn.


Claim 21 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention for reasons set forth on page 3 of the Office Action. In view of the above claim amendments, applicants respectfully submit that the subject objection is overcome and request that the subject rejection be withdrawn.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to allow all the claims presented in the subject application and to pass this application to issue. In case the Examiner does not agree with applicants' arguments presented above, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner telephone the undersigned to discuss the remaining issues to expedite the ultimate allowance of this subject application.

No fee is believed to be due for this Amendment. Should any fee be required, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-2215.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendix

[Fig. 6 moved from page 5 of original drawings]

FIG. 6

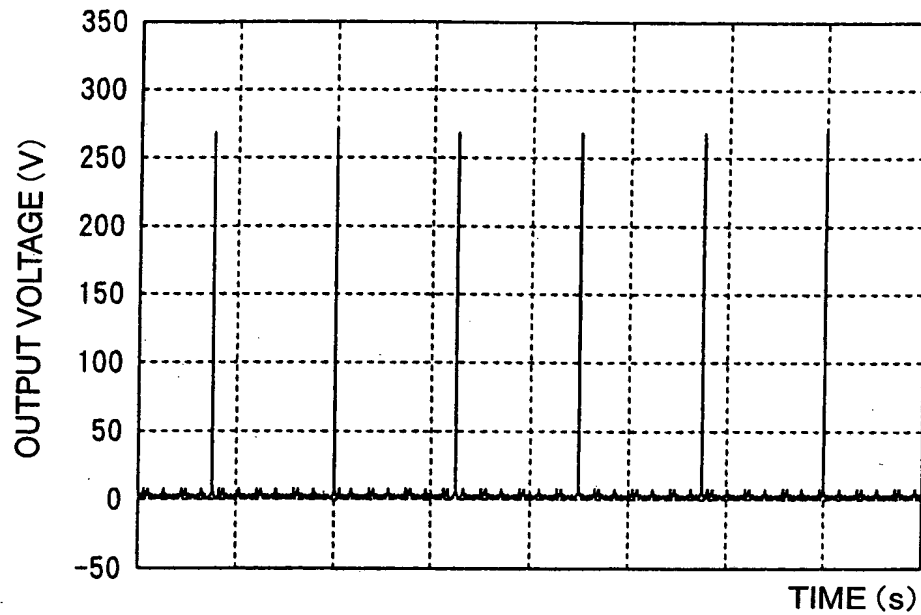
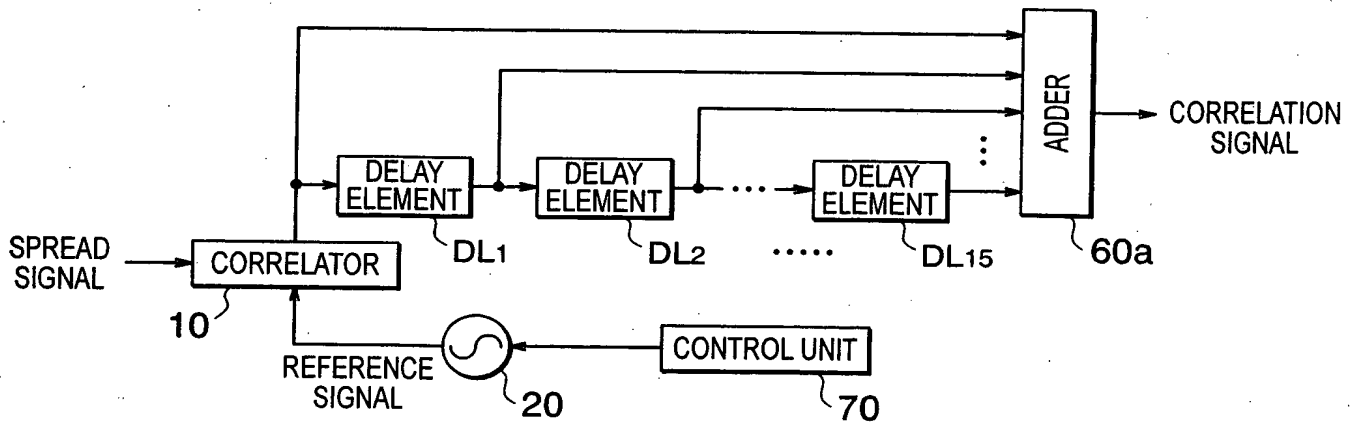
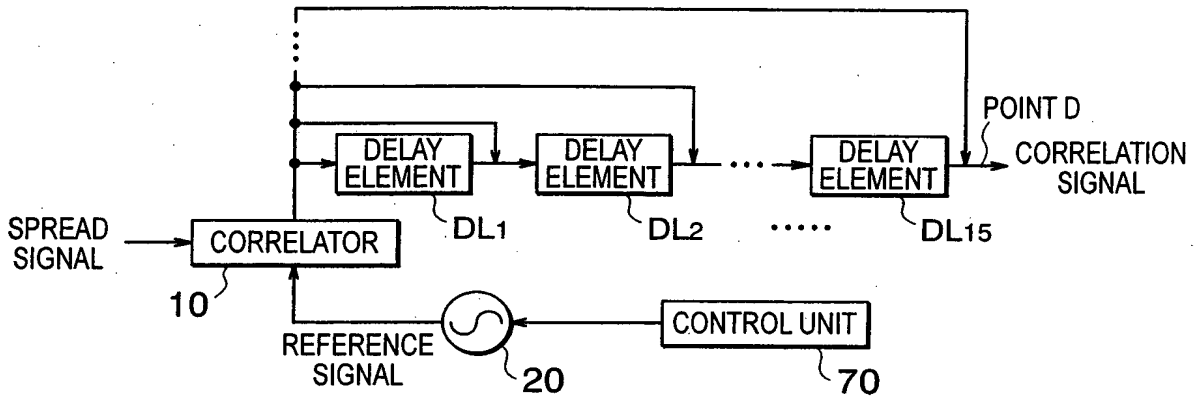


FIG. 7



[Original Fig. 5 labeled as Fig. 5(a)]

FIG. 5(a)



[New Fig. 5(b) added]

FIG. 5(b)

